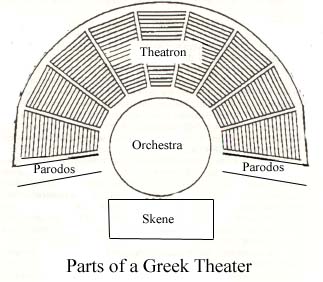
**Greek Theatre**

* Greek theatre was a product of the worship of the god Dionysus
* The plays were performed in outdoor theaters called theatrons
* Some actors played several character roles in one play
* Athens was the epicenter of ancient Greek theater
* The casts were all male
* Since the number of actors was usually 1-3, they had to switch masks to change characters
* The actors were all men, so they wore masks to play female parts
* Masks were made of linen, wood, leather, human and animal hair and marble
* The masks portrayed gender, age and social status

**Types of Greek plays**

* Tragedy- The story of the downfall of a heroic main character through a personal error that turns out to be fatal and conveys pity to the audience
* Comedy-A story of a main character that starts out with misfortune in the beginning, but begins to have good luck and has a happy ending, contains many jokes and humor
* Satyr- Similar to a comedy, but incorporates many tricksters and sexual humor

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